

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figs. 1 - 4 with Figs. 1 - 4 as shown on the (4) Replacement Sheets attached hereto. Please also find attached hereto (4) Annotated Sheets indicating the changes to the drawings.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 remain pending in the present application. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 12- 22. Claims 1 -22 have been amended to remove reference numerals. Claim 1 has been further amended to more clearly define the claimed invention while claim 5 has been further amended to correct an informality. Figs. 1-4 have been amended. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are allowable.

Figs. 1-3, as clarified by the Examiner, were objected to because major components of the drawings need legends. Additionally, the Examiner indicates that Fig. 2 should be labeled as "Prior Art." Figs. 1 and 4 have been amended to include a reference no. 5 and Fig. 2 has been amended to include a "Prior Art" label. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all of the figures are in condition for allowance and that the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

Claim 2 was objected to because of an informality. Specifically, claim 2 was objected to because "a housing (5)" was not indicated in any of the drawings. Fig. 1 has been amended to indicate a housing (5). Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 2 is in condition for allowance and that the objection to this claim should be withdrawn.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,253,610 to Struzik et al. ("Struzik").

Amended claim 1 recites a power supply device for energizing a modular measuring system, "the modular measuring system being adapted for measuring or detecting a filling level or a pressure, the modular measuring system comprising a modular display and adjustment unit and a modular low power sensor unit, wherein the power supply device is adapted to be disposed and connected electrically between the display and adjustment unit and the low power sensor unit, enabling for the modular display and adjustment unit and the low power sensor unit to be

energized simultaneously, and enabling data communication between the display and adjustment unit and the low power sensor unit; wherein the power supply device is adapted to be fitted to the low power sensor unit allowing for a power requirement of $< 1.2\text{mA}$ at 5V ."

Although Struzik discloses a system for monitoring a fluid level, it is respectfully submitted that Struzik does not disclose a low power energy supply within the meaning of the present invention. In one embodiment, Struzik describes a system 10 comprising a fluid level gauge 70 and a power supply 72. *Struzik*, col. 5, ll. 32-33; *see* Fig. 1. The power supply 72 is described as supplying a voltage to a conductor 82 of between about 12V to 15V. *Id.* at col. 5, ll. 50-52. In another embodiment, Struzik describes a power supply 360 supplying a voltage output of between about 18V and 25V. *Id.* at col. 10, ll. 38-41; *see* Fig. 15A. In yet another embodiment, Struzik describes a system 500 with a power supply 501 with an output of 12V at 500mA. *Id.* at col. 12, ll. 32-34; *see* Fig. 16. It is respectfully submitted that all of the output values specifically taught by Struzik are substantially higher than the output values of the present invention.

Thus, Struzik does not show or suggest a power supply device for energizing a modular measuring system comprising "a modular low power sensor unit...*wherein the power supply device is adapted to be fitted to the low power sensor unit allowing for a power requirement of $< 1.2\text{mA}$ at 5V ,*" as recited in claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is not rendered obvious by Struzik and that the rejection of this claim should be withdrawn.

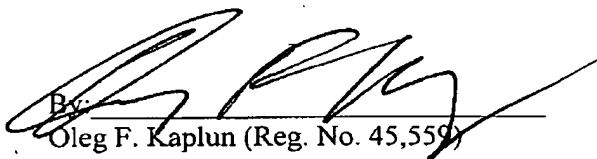
The Examiner objected to claims 2-11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As described above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable. Because claims 2 - 11 depend from and include all of the limitations of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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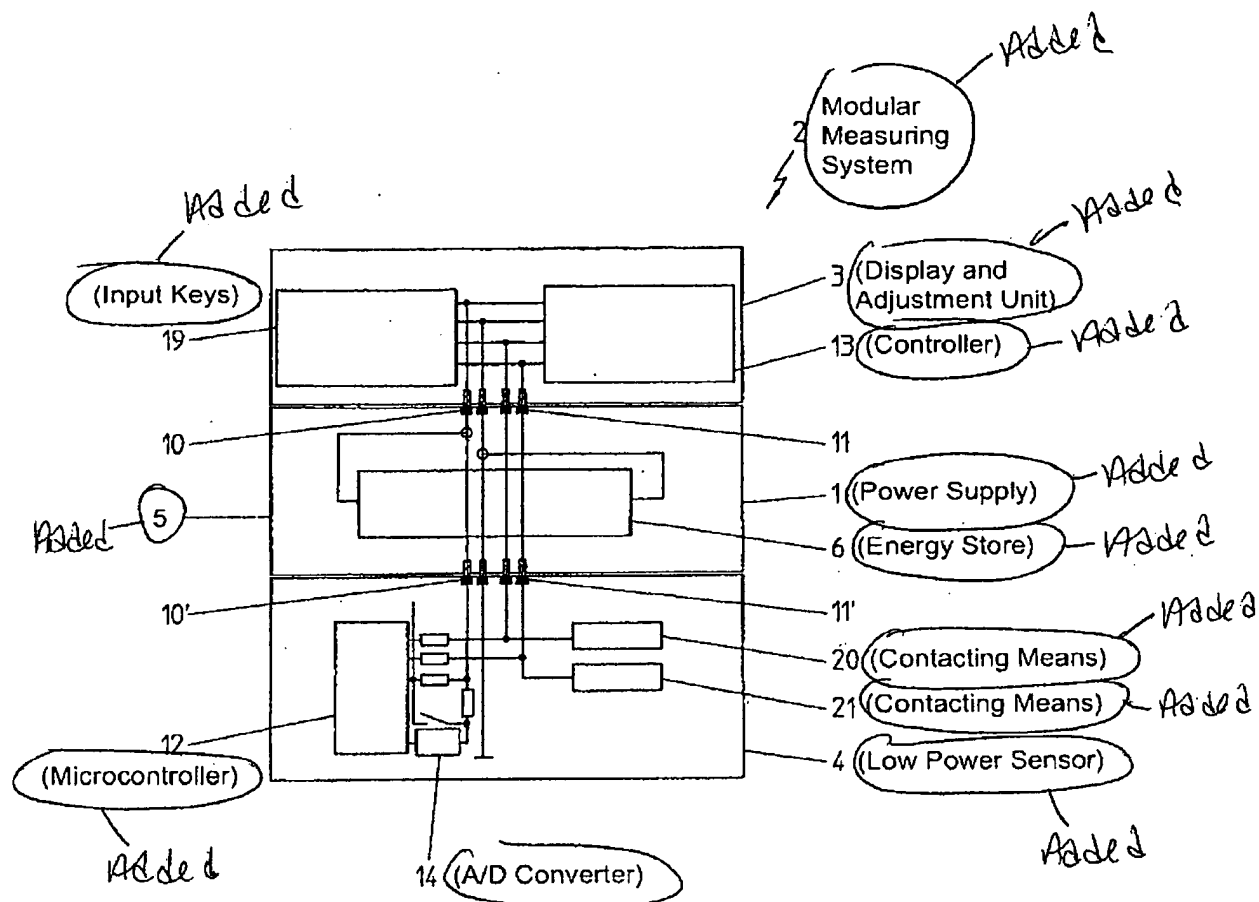


Fig. 1

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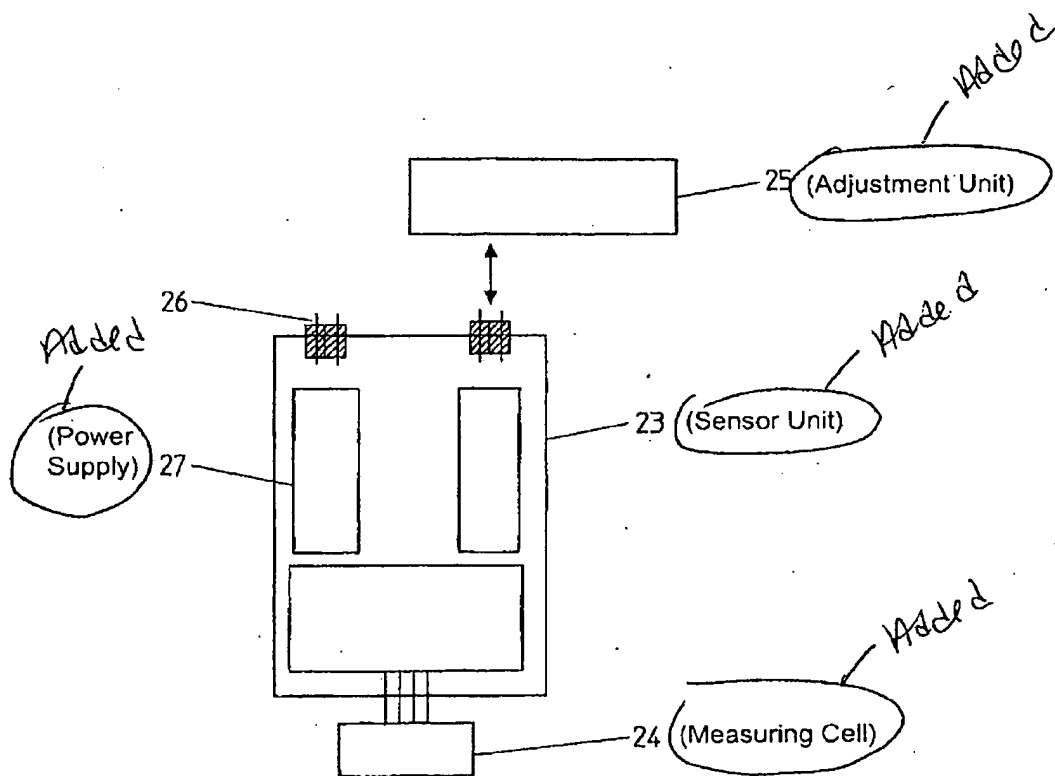


Fig. 2 (PRIOR ART)

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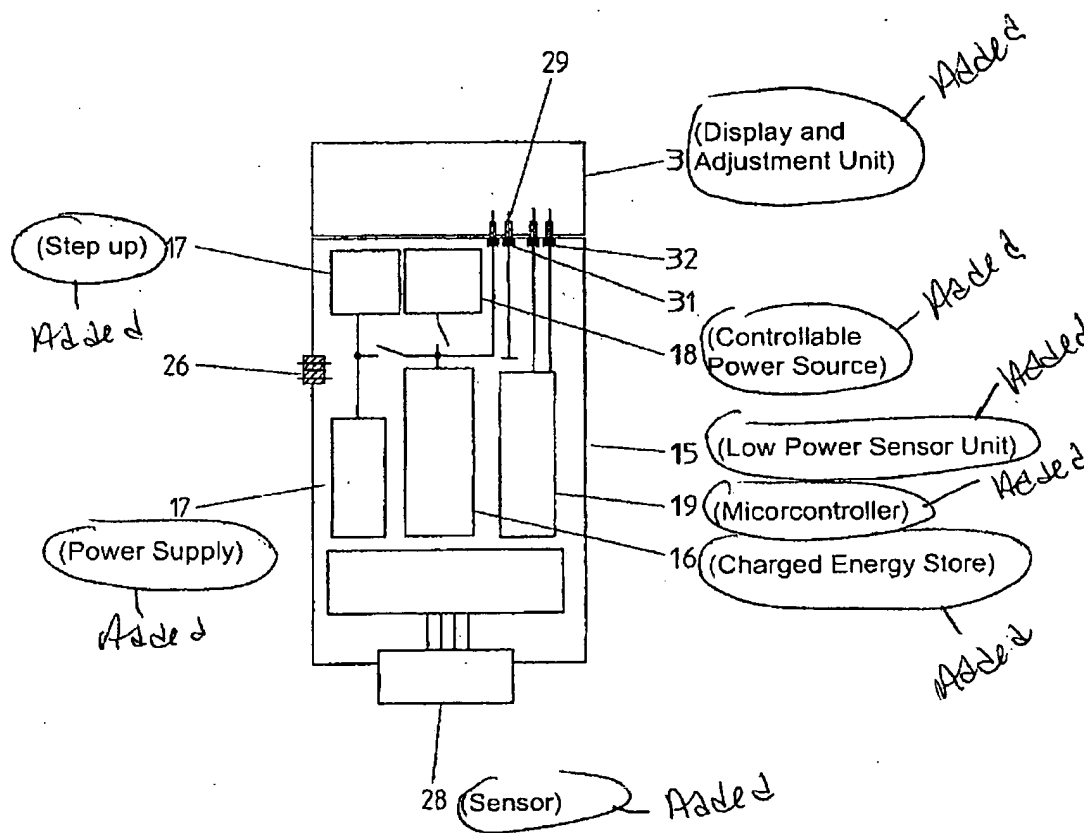


Fig. 3

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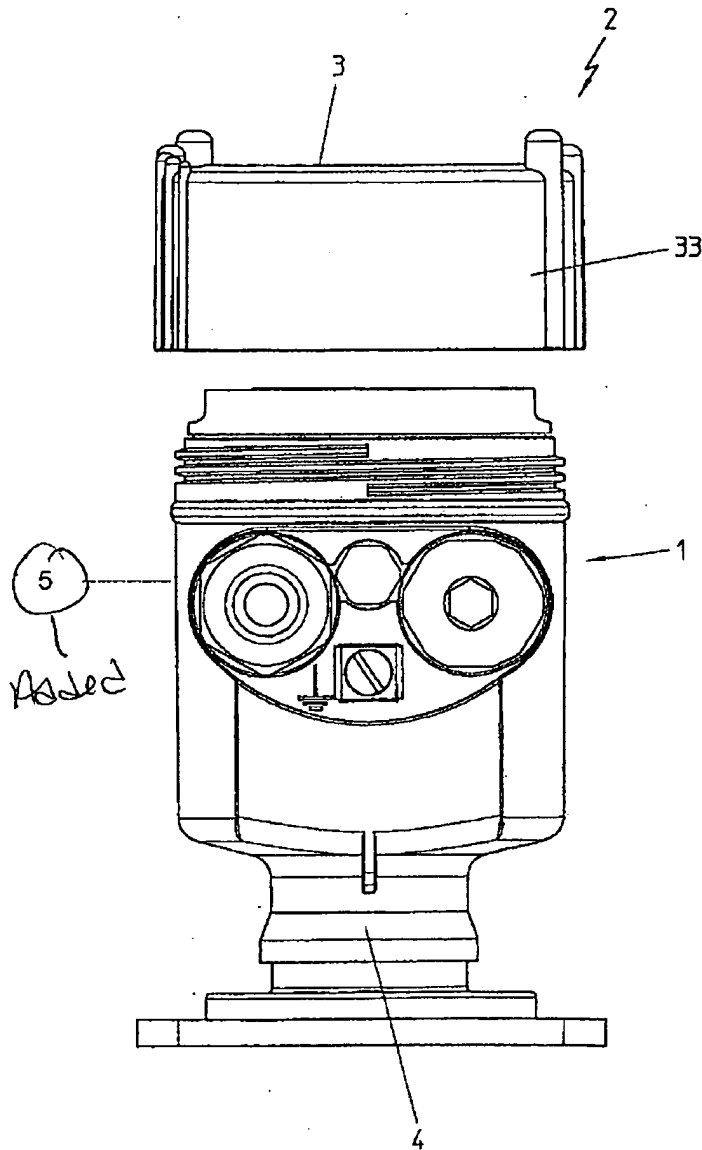


Fig. 4